

PROCLAMATION CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MONTH FEBRUARY 2006

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and the foundation of North Dakota's future; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to North Dakota children younger than 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the use of car safety seats, booster seats and seat belts can greatly increase the chances of surviving a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law requires children younger than the age of 7 to be correctly buckled in a child restraint (car seat or booster seat), and children ages 7 through 17 to be correctly buckled in a child restraint or seat belt; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to ensure that all children are appropriately buckled up every time they ride in a motor vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 2006, **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State